



**Sewer/Water Commission  
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 11, 2015**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Hewitt, D. Taivalkoski & R. Pucely

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** S. Havn, A. M. Clausen & R. McCluskey

**Staff:** R. Schroeder, S. Houte, D. Snyder & A. Giles-Baron

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by J. Hewitt

**2. Public Comment –**

S. Havn asked for a moment of silence for Rick Anderson.

J. Hewitt stated that Rick Anderson served the commission for at least 25 years and was a great asset to the Commission, Bob Pucely added that he was put on the Commission back in the 1990s.

A.M. Clausen stated that she has several cost concerns for the Highway V project to the residents and asked if there was any way to offset the cost for the residents. She stated that residents were saying they were not advised ahead of time that a project was coming forward. Would like to explore other options to implement the project. J. Hewitt replied that if there are any options out there they will be looked at to offset costs.

S. Havn stated if it Caledonia was not there we would not even be running sewer in the Highway V area at this time. He feels that this is a tremendous cost burden on the property owners down Highway V. S. Havn feels that the main line could be paid for by the utility and that the hook up in one year can be changed in the ordinance. Feels that there has been a lot of mis-information out there and the residents have legitimate concerns.

R. McCluskey stated that he realizes this is an advisory board and that the decision is then taken to the Village Board for final approval. He stated that he would like the Commission to reconsider the project. He also is in agreement with Trustee Clausen & Havn.

**3. Approval of the February 11, 2015 meeting minutes**

D. Taivalkoski motioned, J. Hewitt seconded to approve the March 11, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried 2-0 with R. Pucely abstaining.

**4. Monthly Expenditure Approval – February 2015**

D. Taivalkoski motioned, J. Hewitt seconded to approve the February 2015 monthly expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.



## **5. Projects**

### **6) Letter from Racine Waste Water Utility – exceedance of allocated capacity at Meters #13, 14 & 16**

R. Schroeder reported that they are about to start smoke testing the lines to see what kind of infiltration we have in that area. D. Snyder added that the letter was just a formality to notify us of the exceedance. J. Hewitt stated that there has not been a reply back yet to our letter to the Racine Waste Water Utility.

### **Interceptor Transmission Rate Calculations – 2015**

D. Snyder reported that this is an annual process that determines how much Mount Pleasant bills Racine for use of our interceptor systems. The data is a year behind and is intended to come up with a reasonable charge to bill Racine to recoup the cost of maintaining the interceptor system.

R. Pucely motioned, D. Taivalkoski seconded to approve the 2015 Interceptor Transmission Rate Calculations. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Cost of Service Study – Kinzie/Roosevelt Project – City of Racine**

D. Snyder reported that the last 8 or 9 months we have been aware of flooding problems in Racine. This area is downstream of our meter 14 that caused some basement backups. D. Snyder stated that draft submitted in early February shows the cost to the proposed solution is about \$1.1 million dollars and thru the allocation computations in the COSS Mount Pleasant is proposed to pay almost 80% of the cost. GAI has looked at the COSS and have provided feedback and Mount Pleasant sent a response letter K. Haas with their comments which included the cost allocation concerns of the project.

D. Taivalkoski motioned, R. Pucely seconded to approve the letter dated March 10, 2015 that was sent to the City of Racine Water/Wastewater Utilities. Motion carried unanimously.

### **334) Proposed I & I Investigation – Meters 13, 14 & 16 areas**

R. Schroeder reported that we have done some televising in the area and the smoke testing will begin shortly. D. Snyder added that Racine has issued a moratorium in the Meter 13, 14 & 16 areas due to exceedance of flows.

### **Meter 11 – I & I Investigation 2013 CCTV**

R. Schroeder reported that Phase 2 is pretty much complete and focus has now shifted to Meters 13, 14 & 16. R. Pucely asked if the Meter 11 area has seen a reduction since the two phases have been completed. S. Houte stated that he has heard it's close to 40-50% reduction in flows. J. Hewitt stated that he has heard at least 25% plus.

### **427) Caledonia Sewer Agreement/Hwy V Sewer Proposal from The Highland Group – Acquisition Services**



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S. Havn stated that Storm Water Utility have used The Highland Group and they have been very good. R. Schroeder stated that T. Beyer spoke very highly of them as well.

J. Hewitt stated that The Highland Group is the firm being recommended to be used for the Acquisition Services for the Highway V, they have given a cost of \$34,685.

D. Taivalkoski motioned, R. Pucely seconded to approve to use The Highland Group for the acquisition services for the Highway V project with an amount not to exceed \$34,685. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion on sewer pipe material and project bidding**

D. Snyder, T. Hastings, the Sewer Commission and staff all discussed the benefits and differences of the sewer pipe material that can be used. D. Snyder stated that bids could be bid around Hobots and an alternative of concrete pipe with PVC liner in it.

T. Hastings stated that the project bidding will be closer to Fall due to the amount of easements that need to be obtained.

### **Report on Public Information Meeting**

J. Hewitt stated that T. Beyer had received several comments regarding the project. The meeting lasted several hours. J. Hewitt stated that he thought the meeting was very well attended.

D. Snyder stated that an assessment schedule has not been created yet and there will be several options on the assessments.

### **432) Evangelical Methodist Church Sanitary Sewer Extension**

R. Schroeder stated that the project is complete.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Malczewski – Sewer Billing Claim – 9349 Tamarack Court**

Homeowner was overbilled due to an incorrect billing rating. Staff recommended reimbursing the homeowner the amount of the over payment.

D. Taivalkoski motioned, R. Pucely seconded, to reimburse the homeowner the over payment made on the utility account in the amount of \$3,341.03. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Adjournment** – D. Taivalkoski motioned, R. Pucely seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 am. Motion carried unanimously.